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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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Toshiaki OKUNO : Confirmation Number: 1261  
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Sir:

The following Amendment and Remarks are submitted in response to the Office Action  
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